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UPFRONT

Regional transit changes to aid students

help students get to class with Public bus route changes

are on their way and expected to benefit Brock University and Niagara College students who use the local transit system.

The Region's public works committee opted last Tuesday to approve a new route. Route 40/45, along the OEW connecting Niagara Falls and St. Catharines. It will include stops at Niagara College, the Outlet Collection at Niagara and the GO bus terminal at Fairview Mall An existing route, Route

50/55, which also runs between Niagara Falls and St. Catharines, will be altered to provide more direct service along Thorold Stone Boad to Brock University. That route will no longer

stop at the Niagara-on-the-I ake outlet mall If the changes receive final

approval from regional council Thursday, they will be implemented beginning September and will run until the end of

During last Tuesday's meeting, it was also approved. pending budget approval, that inter-municipal transit routes. under a pilot set to expire at the end of April 2017, be extended to run until Dec. 31, 2017.

That extension, which would require an additional \$430,000 in funding from the Region, is also pending presentations on future options from the intermunicipal transit working

In May 2015, Welland, St. Catharines and Niagara Falls,



Niagara Region Transit bus stop sign in front of the bus terminal on Erie Avenue in Niagara Falls

each with their own public transit system, were tasked with determining what an effective regionwide bus system might look like.

A working group was formed later that year and committed to improving post-secondary connectivity by September

Transit managers and regional staff have been working with Brock University and

Niagara College student unions on short-term solutions for the start of the academic year until the group's recommendations

AliceMary Nakiwala, president of the Niagara College student administrative council, said in a video presentation

to committee that students appreciate being included in the transit conversation. "These changes will truly provide a seamless and inte-

grated transit system for Niagara College and Brock University students," she said. It's hoped, she added, that the direct connection from Fairview Mall to the Niagaraon-the-Lake campus will help to increase enrolment at the school, offering GTA students the ability to travel to campus

*This is a positive step forward for the connectivity of the integrated inter-municipal system that we're working on," St. Catharines Mayor Walter Sendrik cold The progress speaks to the

co-operation seen among the working group and the local transit operators, he added. Erin O'Hoski, the Region's manager of partnership development, said the IMT group is aiming to have recommendations for future ontions before

lors whether the discussions between the three municipalities are heading toward a consolidated service, O'Hoski said consolidation is one option being investigated. "The working group has

committed to reviewing a number of options, including consolidation." Regional Chairman Alan Caslin said the group is look-

ing at ways to improve the sys-Buses in those areas are tem, through use of "leading edge technologies," such as the Presto card - a fare payfound to save funds.

ment system for various tran-Asked by several council-

In the meantime, the intention is to make the pilot now in place "the best it can be," he

Niagara Falls Coun. Bob Gale said he remains hopeful that the group will be innovative in its methods, using not only buses but other methods of transportation such as taxis and Uber for outlying

often near empty, he said, adding efficiencies should be

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Region calls for strict pot regulations

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Third time's a charm. After twice being sent back to staff, a motion regarding not regulation and control has received approval from Niagara Region's public health and social services commit-

The motion, to be sent to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, provides recommendations from Niagara Region should the Canadian government move forward with the

legalization of marijuana. Pelham Mayor Dave Augustyn, who previously took issue with the document's wording, felt the latest version properly captured the

Region's stance on the issue. While the motion does not endorse legalization, it does recommend that should legalization occur, strict regulations be put in place to reduce health and societal harms associated with marijuana

use he said Those include limiting access by limiting where cannabis can be purchased and implementing controlled pricing; setting a minimum age for purchase; investing federal dollars in education and prevention; addressing and preventing marijuana-

impaired driving; and prohib-

iting marketing, advertising and sponsorship, especially

to children The document also outlines Niagara's role as an early leader in municipal bylaws to restrict harmful effects from second-hand smoke. It asks that direct and indirect health effects of smoking of any kind be taken into consideration as

legislation and regulations are considered. The lessons society has learned about smoking tobacco are reflected in the motion to deter smoking of any kind, Augustyn said. The motion will seek final approval from regional coun-

THE BEST IN

cil tonight.

After completely renovating the Hope Centre building on Welland's King Street last year, Niagara College students are looking for their next challenge

The college is accepting applications from charitable organizations from throughout the region for the 2016-17 Many Hands Project - a program that brings together students from the college's events management and construction studies programs to renovate facilities used by

local organizations Co-ordinator of the college's event management Christine Blane said the St. John Ambulance in St. project provides "excellent Catharines hands-on learning opportu-Not-for-profit agencies

nities" for students, as well as an opportunity for a local agency to "receive much-

Many Hands looks for next challenge

anniversary of the Many

Hands Project, Since it was

established in 1997, the

project has benefitted 19

agencies, including through

renovations at Hope Centre.

the Strive Niagara building

in Welland, the Upper Deck

Youth Centre in Vineland

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their facilities."

involved providing community-based services in Niagara are asked to subneeded improvements to This year marks the 20th

mit a wish list to the college including construction needs and specific resources, prior to Aug. 8, online at www.niagaracollege.ca/manyhands. Participating agencies must be willing to commit

resources to the project to be considered by an advisory committee, in the hope of supporting multiple organizations across Niagara this Heated Salt Water Pool



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GE worth celebrating

What was that plant called? I think it
was PowerFades — a subsidiary of was PowerFades - a subsidiary of the Fly-hy-Night Corp.

The name might have slipped my mind, hut I clearly remember the day it was announced that the German-hased wind turbine blade manufacturer was coming to

It was in city council chambers on Tuesday. April 30, 2013, and the announcement was made with all the pomp and ceremony hefitting of the company's hig plans to milk the Feed-in-Tariff program for all it was worth. and then high tail it out of here.

Big shots even flew in from Germany to share the amazing news with us. I seem to recall models on display of the massive products the company was hiring

200 people to manufacture at an empty factory on Rusholme Boad.

Hell, there might have even heen a hagpiper.

Despite all the Champagne that was uncorked that day as well as promises of expansion, the factory shutdown suddenly in November, dashing the hopes of workers and their families and the community that surrounded it

Welland has been burned before, far too many times. With that in mind, I can't hlame skeptics

who greeted news that General Electric selected Welland for it's new engine manufacturing plant with cynicism hordering on



derision Nevertheless, this time I think there's far more room for optimism than Welland has

While the 150 new jobs to start is relatively small compared to the thousands of joh losses this city has suffered, there's reason to helieve we could see much more than that. For instance, the plant in Waukesha, Wis.

that this facility is replacing employs 350

seen for a very long time.

And although no one seems to want to shout out the numbers for fear of being called a dreamer, when supply chain johs are added to the mix we could be talking about more than 1,000 jobs. Even that estimate could be overly conservative hased on some of the projections I've heard.

According to 2011 census data, there are 2,380 unemployed people in Welland, out of the city's total workforce of 25,075. This plant will definitely take a huge hite out of that statistic. This project also means an investment of at least \$250 million in ultra valuable US currency. You don't pour that kind of money into a community without planning to stay put for

It's amazing news for Welland, as well as Niagara as a whole.

But rather than making a huge deal about it, GE chose to quietly announce its plans. It hegan with a somewhat cryptic e-mail from our economic development officer Dan Degazio, sent to local reporters last Tuesday afternoon, inviting them to the mayor's office the next morning. Degazio described it as "a very, very, very IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT" for the city.

While writing the word "very" three times, and "important announcement" all in capital letters certainly piqued the interest of local media, even that failed to capture the essence

of the news they had for us. But unlike the Fly-by-Night Corp., there were no marching hands parading through the halls of Welland Civic Square - just Mayor Frank Campion and Degazio, followed

hy a meeting with economic development officers from other Niagara communities that pitched in to help Degazio seal the deal with the multinational corporation. No GE representatives attended, and no

other political leaders. The lack of celebration was a hit puzzling. at first. But in hindsight, I think the way the

announcement was handled speaks volumes about the company that we will soon welcome to our community. The people of Welland know only too

well how it feels to receive devastating news from the cold cornorate world. John Deere pulled up stakes and headed for Mexico in

2009 leaving a hig empty mess in Dain City. Energex left hehind that post-apocalyptic wasteland on Ontario Road in 2014, a few years after a new manufacturing plant was constructed in Thomasville, Ala.

GE is essentially doing the same thing to the people of Waukesha. It's a city of 70,000 people - not much

larger than Welland. And there are at least 350 families who are right now feeling the same loss and uncertainty that 700 local families felt in 2009 when John Deere closed. In this case, however, it appears the company was essentially forced to leave hehind that city due to American federal government politicians who described the services provided by the U.S. Export-Import Bank as corporate welfare.

And the low-key announcement in Welland last week could have been a subtle demonstration of something of which I thought corporations were incapable;

After all, you can't celebrate Welland's success without dancing on the grave of the plant in Waukesha.

Did GE management recognize this when they chose to roll out the hig news with as little fanfare as possible? I think so. And if that's the case - if GE is a corporation that is actually capable of empathy then we have a lot to celebrate.

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The Hip give cultural context to Canada section at Princess and King streets to be exact.

t's 8:59 a.m. on a Monday and I'm sitting in front of my laptop waiting for a ticket presale to start I just created a Ticketmaster account for

nyself as I have never purchased concert tickets online from this company. Why is a 44-year-old woman waiting for a ticket presale. an event more suitable for teenagers and 20-somethings? Three words: The Tragically Hip.

Hip fan or not, if you're Canadian you probably know Gord Downie announced he has

terminal hrain cancer. For those of us who love the Hip, this news was most likely met with shock and dishelief, followed by sadness and, in some cases, tears. It seems impossible that this iconic Canadian band may be no more. I understand the Hip isn't everyone's cup of tea and if you're not a fan, you may he wondering



an awfully long time.

JENNIFER OORADIAN

why all the fuss and hother. That's what I want to talk ahout. I wasn't always a Hip fan. Those who knew

me when I lived in Kingston will attest to the truth of that statement. Many a friend attempted to persuade me to see this awesome hand called The Tragically Hip at any number of local Kingston venues, but I resisted. Just this morning I was telling my partner about once passing Downie on a Kingston street, the interAt the time, it had little impact. This might have been 1992. Then came Trouble at the Henhouse. Ahead

by a Century opened my ears and mind to something I had not previously appreciated. The modern-day poetry replete with uniquely Canadian references paired with the alt-rock sound of the hand and general quirkiness of singer/songwriter Downie, who seemed to embody what it meant to he Canadian made a profound impact. That was 20 years ago.

Which hrings me hack to why I am sitting in front of my computer on a Monday morning toddler drooling on my lap, waiting for a ticket

Take the time to listen to the Hip. Even if you don't love their sound, listen to their lyrics. Those lyrics are my generation's Canadiana. Fifty Mission Cap, Bobcaygeon, 38 Years Old,

Wheat Kings and Courage are just a sampling of Tragically Hip songs dripping with Canadiana. More than lyrical references, these songs are

lessons in Canadian culture and history spotlighting Bill Barilko, Bohcaygeon, the Millhaven Maximum Security Prison break, David Milgaard and Hugh McClellan, References to the Paris of the Prairies, cordurov roads, deke, Bohby Orr and the hundredth meridian, all uniquely Canadian, are deftly woven into the Hip's narrative on Canada.

The Tragically Hip does what we as Canadians struggle to do - define ourselves as a nation separate and distinct from our overwhelming superpower neighbour. Their work gives substance to who we are as individuals while creat. ing cultural context for who we are as a nation And as Canadians we identify emotionally, physically and mentally with the prolific images created by Hip lyrics.

LOCALNEWS

Pricey cosmetics sold to autistic man

An apology has been issued and a full refund granted after a Pen Centre store came under fire last weekend for what many people considered mistreatment of an autistic man.

A Facehook post detailing an incident that occurred at Adore Cosmetics last week quickly went viral last Saturday with more than 3,200 shares online.

It was May 27 when the parents of 26-year-old Tom, whose last name has not heen released, found a package in the room of their autistic son containing The online posting, created by fam-

ily friend Sandra Frayne, alleges staff at Adore Cosmetics convinced Tom during a May 25 visit that he had hags under his eyes and sensitive skin that required the help of their products. When Tom's parents visited the store to discuss the situation, the post claims they were told by management that staff had no choice hut to treat the man as they would any other customer and approve the sale.

According to the post, store staff checked that Tom was employed - he works at a local McDonald's - and had

him sign a paper acknowledging Miami-hased company's commu-incident via social media, the store the purchase, made using Tom's credit card, as a final sale. It was noted by staff, the post reads, that he was not wearing a medical bracelet and was not accompanied

hy a support worker or caregiver. When Tom's parents went to the store seeking a refund, they were The Adore store owner and staff

at referred media questions to the saveonenergy:

nications department. A statement was issued through e-mail late last Monday that said the initial refusal to offer a refund was "in direct violation of Adore Cosmetics brand policies," Because Adore stores are independently owned and operated, there can at times be a "lag in our hecoming aware of issues like this," the statement reads. When the company learned of the

was contacted and a refund was issued to Tom, the statement said.

We also directly applopized to his family. We made sure that the Adore Cosmetics store at Pen Centre terminated the employee who sold Tom the products and violated the hrand policy regarding both sales and returns."

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A 26-year-old autistic man was asked to sign a receipt indicating he understood the \$1.100 in products from Adore Cosmetics was a final sale.





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Cosmetics sold to autistic man

From previous page The company said the inci-

dent "in no way reflects the ethics or policies of Adore Cosmet-

"It was, in fact, a gross violation by an individual employee of a store that is independently operated as opposed to a store directly owned by the company or a franchise. We'd like to extend our sincere apologies not only to Tom and his family (but also) to

the City of St. Catharines." Pen Centre administration was also quick to react. "Immediately upon hearing

about it, we got involved right away," mall manager John Bragagnolo said, adding mall staff reached out to the family in an effort to resolve the issue. We onganized for an immediate refund to take place." The mall, he said, has also

given Tom additional gift cards

as a sign of our appreciation for his patronage and to compensate him for any inconvenience this has caused. Bragagnolo expressed disap-

pointment in the way the situation was initially handled. "We've been a proud supporter of Autism Ontario for years and years. We're very aware and sensitive to the challenge people with autism as well as their families face," he said.

"This really flies in the face of what we're all about It was just natural for us to make this situation right." While stores each have their own return policies, Bragagnolo

said there *bas to be room for special circumstances like this." "I don't believe it was done intentionally. But somehow there was a perception he was taken advantage of. That mere perception is just wrong. Unfortunately common sense should have prevailed here as far as the retailer went. Once we pointed out to them what had transpired, they definitely saw the error of

their ways." Jordan Shaw believes a learning opportunity is at hand. While the communications and volunteer co-ordinator for

the Niagara chapter of Autism Ontario was saddened by the experience Tom had, she felt it has helped to raise awareness of autism spectrum disorder in the

*Perhaps if this employee had been better educated about autism, more knowledgeable about how to interact with an individual on the spectrum in that customer-salesperson role, then maybe this whole situa-

tion could've been avoided," she Education is key to ensuring added.

this doesn't happen again, she Shaw encouraged employ-



ers to set a conversation started in the workplace. She recommended using educational aids

at autismontario.com to help inform employees Once informed, they can then decide on a case-by-case basis what the best action is to take when dealing with customers on

the spectrum, she said. "You may have a customer coming in who is on the higher end of the spectrum and is able to come in and shop on their own, but it's still important for employees in retail situations to be able to recognize those signs so they can make the shopping

experience positive for that indi-Programs run by the local chapter for adults with ASD focus on social skills development "When situations like this hap-

pen, it can be very disheartening because it negatively impacts the independence that young person has worked so hard to achieve," Shaw said.

Frayne, who created the online post, was touched by the amount of support Tom and his family has received. She had hoped to draw atten-

tion to the incident but had no idea how quickly, and how far, the news would spread. Within the first 24 hours, she

was receiving messages from as far away as England. "It was lovely to see so many people wanting to just do the

simple thing, to help somebody. In 2013, a Forever Flawless kiosk in the Pen Centre was criti-

cized after a woman with Down syndrome purchased \$1,700 in face cream and a post about the incident went viral on Facebook A refund and an apology was also issued at that time.

Attempts to reach Tom's family for comment last Monday were unsuccessful.

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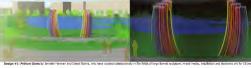
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Funding announced for Niagara seniors programs

Niagara's seniors will benefit from \$290,000 in organizations federal government funding announced recently through

the New Horizons for Seniors

Niagara Centre MP Vance Badawey said the funding, announced by Minister of Families, Children and Social Development Jean-Yves Duclos, is designed to help seniors groups and

The investment will

"support community-based projects for the seniors across Canada including more than \$290,000 for Niagara Region's seniors," Badawey said in a media

release. New Horizons provides federal grants and contributions to support community projects led

or inspired by seniors, providing opportunities for seniors to share their knowledge, skill, and experiences to benefit others and create change

in their communities, the media release says. It promotes volunteerism, engages seniors in mentoring opportunities, expands awareness of elder abuse, supports social

participation and inclusion of seniors, and providing capital assistance for new and existing community projects and/or programs

for seniors. Badawey said Niagara Centre organizations — Royal Canadian Legion Branch 17 and Jewish Niagara - received a total of \$44,000 in funding to provide services to seniors.



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Welland economic development officer Dan Degazio and Mayor Frank Campion hold bottles of wine, with administrative assistance Lna DeChellis, celebral had been amounteement that General Electric will be setting up shop in Welland with economic development representatives from across Nagara, including, back, from left, Evan Acs, Brain York, Jim Tiblert, Adam Joan and David Oaks.

GE brings 150 jobs

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At more than 450,000 square feet, it will be the largest industrial building in Welland and second only to the entire Seaway Mall in size. And the 150 jobs the new General Electric plant will create are likely just the

beginning when it begins operations.

"This is probably the biggest news
we've had in Welland for a long, long
time." Welland Mayor Frank Campion

we've had in Welland for a long, long time," Welland Mayor Frank Campion said. "It's one of the biggest investments, employment and industrial manufacturing investments that we've seen." Last Wednesday, eight months after GE

Lass weunescay, eggn richtins auer or management amnounced plans to close the facility in Canada, Campion and Welland economic development officer Dan Degazio announced that Welland was selected as the new home for the factory, where reciprocating engines, diselenging components and other equipment currently being manufactured in Wisconsin will be manufactured.

Construction is expected to begin before the end of this summer on 75 acres of land on the west side of Highway 140, between Silverthorn Street and Buchner Road, encompassing the entire cityowned Harry Diffin Industrial Park.

The new facility is expected to be operational by early 2018. GE Canada spokeswoman Kim Warbutton and more details about the fac-

GE Canada spokeswoman Kim Warburton said more details about the factory will be released later this summer. However, she said the first phase of operations at the plant should create about 150 jobs. She said the company will begin hiring for some positions later this year. The factory itself will be the first manufacturing facility of its kind in Canada.

Warburion said the facility's designation as a "brilliant factory," is a reference to the use of digital technology in the production process, providing flexibility "so more than one business requirements can be met on a changing basis." She said plans and drawings of the building also won't be available until

later this summer.

Degazio called it a "global manufacturing facility."

"It has significance not only to Welland and the Niagara Region, but it's provincially and federally significant," he said. "This is hundreds of millions of dollars that are going to be invested in Welland, and this is only the start of it. The supply chain is significant."

For every job created at the GE plant, Degazio said about two more are associated with supply chain companies, providing services and equipment to the large manufacturing plant.

Although the plant is initially expected to employ 150, he estimates that number to increase substantially since the U.S. facility it is replacing currently employs about 350 workers.

Campion said work on promoting Niagara as a new home for the GE plant began in late September, after the company announced its plans in response to U.S. government allowing the charter to lapse for the U.S. Export import Bank, which finances sales of industrial equipment to overseas customer.

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GE plant a great idea for Niagara

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General Electric is coming to Welland

and hringing 150 johs. Elyse Allan, president and chief executive officer of GE Canada, said in an announcement last Wednesday morning Welland was chosen because it met

a number of requirements, including being close to the border. A 450,000-square-foot facility is set to he huilt off of Highway 140, near Northern Gold Foods, with production beginning in 2018. Various engines used in

the oil and gas industry will he huilt at the plant. Welland Mayor Frank Campion said

the city is excited about the employment and husiness opportunities that will come with this plant.

Residents in the downtown area who were asked about the new plant said it is a hig plus in such a tough joh mar-

"I think Welland needs the work and there are a lot of people here in Welland who need a lot of work." Steven Greene said. "Ever since John Deere and all those other plants closed down, there's never been anything here for us. So I think it's a very good idea that

something finally came here." Helen Vera, who came to Welland as

a refugee and is now a Niagara College nursing student, said the new johs will bring hope to a community that has lost

She said she has noticed the shuttered huildings and thinks the new plant can help revitalize the area.

"It will hring life to the community," Vern spid

Longtime Wellander Frank Smith

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"I got nothing against anyhody huilding anything that's going to create employment, as long as it's safe!

Smith worked in many of the other factories in Welland before they closed. He said this new plant stands a chance if it's under the

right management David (Popcorn) Duquette's perspective is "things only go to rubhish if you let

them go to rubhish." He has a part-time ioh and does volunteer work, and he said he would like to he able to work more often He is optimistic about Welland's future.

"I helieve that there's ing to he a change anyways," he said. Welland is going to go hack to prosper-

ing the way it used to Among the positivity there were a few concerns, such as who will get the jobs

and what skill level will be needed by applicants. There might be a lot of people willing to do it or there might not he enough," said Kassan-

dra Moyes, a Niagara College student. "A lot of people might not be qualified to work in a factory." Duquette said if he's ahle to do the joh he

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GE brings 150 jobs

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The company planned to move operations north of the border to take advantage of the export financing provided through Export Develonment Canada.

Campion said he immediately region were right on it." Campion

called Degazio when he heard the said. He told Degazio to "do what news, but Degazio had already started working toward promoting

the city as a potential location for a new manufacturing plant. "Dan and economic development teams from throughout the

you need to do to get this here. giving Dan free rein to do what he does best, which is to get out there and close the deal."

Degazio said he and administrative assistant Lina DeChellis teamed up with economic devel-

opment offices throughout the region to work toward bringing GE to Niagara.

He said economic development officers in Niagara municipalities share a common goal of bringing industry to Niagara, rather than competing with each other

"Contrary to popular belief, we don't actually fight with each other," Degazio said, adding his colleagues from other municipalities "were all part and parcel to the initial meetings with GE which led to something coming together."

If it hadn't been for that team approach, 'we weren't even in the picture." Degazio said GE wasn't even considering Welland or any other community in the region until the company was approached

by economic development officers from Welland, St. Catharines, Niagara Falls, Port Colborne and Fort Erie, as well as former Niagara Economic Development Corp. director Bob Seguin, who has since retired. "They came away from that meeting with

a pretty good impression," Degazio said. GE management visited Welland last week after finalizing plans for the move. During that visit, Degazio said the managers told him they were "kind of surprised that five municipalities that were in competition were actually coming together in a coonerative mode

The co-operation was good news for them," Campion said. "We're all working together. It impacts the entire region. By working together in partnership, we can put a whole package together and work as one big team!

Niagara's team was competing for GE with jurisdictions across Canada since the company announced its plans.

Out of 10 municipalities in five provinces that were initially considered, the company narrowed its list to Welland and a municipality in Quebec before finally selecting Welland a few weeks ago

Campion said millions of dollars worth of incentives helped seal the deal, provided by the city and Niagara Region through the Gateway Community Improvement Plan. Although the company had initially esti-

mated the cost of the new plant at \$265 million, Campion said the designs of the facility and cost estimates are yet to be finalized. Once that information is available, the value of the incentives can be determined But waiving development charges alone

could save the company as much as \$6 million, the mayor said Degazio said the city's skilled workforce, manufacturing experience and the presence of Niagara College also contributed to the calaction

Campion said he hopes the presence of GE in the city will act as a catalyst to draw the attention of other major manufactures. "This is a big company coming here. It's big news and people in the industry are going to start to say, 'Hey, what's going on

in Welland?" he said. Campion said city council put its full sup port behind efforts to bring GE to Welland. Ward 5 Coun. Mike Petrachenko, whose ward will be home to the new plant, was ecstatic about the announcement. "It's fantastic news for the city of the

Welland and for the region, it's great news," he said, giving full credit to local economic development staff "It's unbelievable. It's a credit to us, our workforce, the land that we have that's serv-

iced, it's a fantastic location. However, after years of belplessly watching as local industries have left Welland for greener pastures elsewhere, he had mixed emotions knowing that the city is benefit-

ting from the job losses in Waukesha. felt for those workers, I'm happy as all heck for Welland, but a part of me is a little disappointed for Wisconsin, but that's













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Cowgirls compete in U.S.

Three local girls have ridden their way into a world class, high-speed competi-

Jayda Gruhl, Sarah Gibson and Jessica Hardy, riders at Horses Unlimited in Welland, represented Canada in the National Pole Bending Association Championship show.

Pole bending is a timed event sport in which riders take their horses through a series of poles at high speeds. The horses must weave in and out of the posts in the proper order.

In order to qualify, the girls each had to complete two clean runs in their class. A clean run means no poles knocked over, following the pattern and doing it all in a good amount of time Gruhl, 13, described the speed going

through the poles as "holy crap fast She said she started riding about four ears ago after going for a trail ride with her grandmother. After that she kept coming back for lessons and she even competed in the National Barrel Horse Association competition last year in Georgia

"I love the thrill of competition." she said. "It's just fun." She was set to compete in the youth category with Gibson.

Gibson, 15, said she's been riding since she was really young, but this is the first time she's competing. She said she's not really nervous though. Jessica Hardy, 21, will also be compet-

ing for the first time. She is entered into the adult and open (any age) categories. The three said with a groan that practice is a daily thing, but it's important, "You have to make sure you're always in sync," Gruhl said. "It's a lot of trust.

that's for sure, going that fast." Horses trained in this sport are high energy, which can be a good and bad thing. Good because of the speed, but

bad because sometimes they just want to do their own thing. Last Thursday the girls packed up a trailer with coach Mike Racine and

headed to Cloverdale, Ind. The competition started last Friday and was set to last all weekend. The girls were looking forward to a few

days away from school, having fun and mostly the thrill of the competition. "I was going to say get away from

Mike," Gruhl said jokingly in response to what she was looking forward to, "but he's coming with us." Racine, owner of Horses Unlimited. is also the director of the NPBA in Can-

ada. He said before he reached out to the American company, it wasn't on this side of the border. He wanted to bring different kinds of

competition to Canadian soil and said horse sports like show jumping are fading out

He said he was looking forward to the show, too

'To me, these girls going out there, quaking in their boots and getting done ... that's the best part."

The competition boasts \$60,000 in prizes. Gruhl said she has her eye on the first-place prize in her category, which is a saddle. Her current one, she said, definitely needs replacing.

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Crossley dominates regatta

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early," McApline said with a smile A pair of triple crown winners took centre stage at the 71st Canadian Secondary Schools Rowing Championships last Sunday on Martindale Pond.

Braeden Rush and Jared Naar of E.L. Crossley gave fans who got out of hed early to watch something to cheer about when they easily won the senior men's double to complete the high school triple crown after winning gold at the Stoteshury Cup and Scholastic Rowing Association of America regattas,

Later in the day, Ethan McApline of Grimsby cruised to an easy gold in the senior men's single to complete his triple crown. Rush and Naar were on the water just

after 7 a.m. as officials humped up the start time of the regatta from 11 a.m. to 7 a m due to weather concerns The early start did nothing to deter Rush and Naar who easily outdistanced

the field. We just tried to race it like another race." Naar said when asked how much the triple crown entered into their thoughts. "If we got too worked up, it could have played a role in the race. We wanted to relax and have a good race."

Rush agreed. "We refused to talk about it at all." he said. "We weren't even thinking about it. You psyche yourself out, and then that's all you talk ahout.

With the gold medals firmly around their necks and the traditional championship photos posed for, the duo only then could enjoy the moment.

"It's a great feeling to put in the miles you do and get some-thing out of it." Rush said. McApline, 17, had a hit more time to wake up - his race didn't start until 8:42 a.m. - hut said the shift in start time

'Not at all. I'm used to getting up

won this last year as well so I just came out to race and it worked out well. "It was clean on my part. It was a rough course, but I was able to distance

myself pretty well' Marcus Kahel and Andrew Kerr of Denis Morris missed out on the triple crown when they placed second in the

senior men's 72 kg double. Overall, Crossley dominated the event winning nine gold medals, two silvers and two hronze. They also took home first place in both the men's and women's overall points championship.

Crossley (K. Keith, J. Lahricciosa, P. Learn, M. Lachnit, A. Drysdale, M. Chase, H. Nicholls, G. Palmer, M. Camplin) earned their second gold of the day in the junior women's eight hefore K. Keith and C. Rusin followed up with gold in the next race in the senior men's

72 kg double. R. Camplin and E. Brettell earned gold in the senior women's 63 kg Crossley's fifth gold of the day came in the junior women's 59 kg, four with coxswain when A. Sawatsky, J. Labricciosa, P. Learn, G. Palmer and M. Camplin coasted to victory Minutes later K. Partridge, L. Nuccitelli, E.

Leavens and L. Bench made it two in a row for the Fonthill school with a win in the junior women's quad hefore K. Keith completed the third straight gold for Crossley in the senior men's 72 kg single. Not to be outdone, S. Buzzell, S. Fuller, R. Camplin, A. Low and E. Brettell won

the senior women's 59 kg four with coxswain to make it four in a row for the hlue and gold.

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with coxswain barely holding off a strong charge from
Upper Canada College.
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gold in the junior men's sin-

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Governor Simcoe's only
gold came in the senior women's 63 kg. four with coxswain
when S. Nanayakkara, M.
Stewart, H. Chamberlain, R.
Lawless and N. Rudel coasted
to one of the easier wins of
the day while A. Van Engelen
and A. Allan of Blessed Trinity took home gold in the junior men's double.

Local schools took home

14 gold medals, 13 silvers and

12 bronze.

The regatta wrapped up just after 11 a.m. followed by the medal presentations on the island. Medals are normally presented to the top three winning crews directly following their races at the finish line.

"I'm happy we did it," regata chairman Ken Campbell said when asked about the early start time. "We were able to complete the schedule. Everybody got a race in and the conditions were fair for everybody." Campbell said weather forecasts called for rain

and wind, and committee members wanted to give the regatta as much time as possible if races had to be delayed.

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winds up to 39 kilometres per hour with gusts up to 51, and that's unsafe and unrowable," he said. Campbell said an ear-

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and lier start time for next year's finals, perhaps 9 a.m., is up being considered.

Local crews to be awarded silver medal winners were: Eden (M. Nolan, S. Rosts) in the senior men's double; St. Francis (S. Wing, H. Young, C. Paquin, A. Cukierski) in the junior men's quad; Blessed Trinity (E. Vandersloot) in the senior women's 63 kg single; Denis Morris (M. Favero, A. Litwinczuk, T. Favero, A. Litwinczuk, T.

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Local crews to be awarded bronze medals were: Governor Simcoe (C. Zeppetella, A. Barry, M. Lirio, M. Rodgers, A. Banner) in the junior men's four with coxswain; Ridley (A. McRae, M. Schultz) in the senior men's

double; Blessed Trinity (A. Van Engelen, A. Jastremski, L. Celia, A. Allan) in the junior men's quad; Ridley (J. Petrunick, C. Epperson, E. Enns, K. Singh, K. Scott) in the junior men's 72 kg four with coxswain; Sir Winston Church-Ill (A. Bland, L. Stevenson, G.

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nell. C. Harshaw, J. Engel, A. Walker, S. Abrunzo) in the junior women's 63 kg. eight; Governor Simcoe (N. Murray. I. Coughler, M. Lirio, A.Barry, I. Lepp, M. Rodgers, A. Banner, L. Harris, N. Willard) in the junior men's eight; E.L. Crossley (B. Rush, I. Naar. N. McDonald, C. Rusin) in the senior men's quad; St. Francis (H. Young, A. Cukierski) in the junior men's double; Grimsby (E. Dockray, M. Dunda, H. Mercuri, G. Humphrey) in the junjor women's quad: Sir Winston Churchill (O. Voelkner) in the senior men's 72 kg single: E.L. Crossley (K. Keith, G. McKinley, F. Darling, C. Howey, E. Egan, J. Lenson, A.

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93.8; 4. Vancouver 71.3; 5. Ridley 71.3. Overall women's points: 1. E.L. Crossley 100; 2. Branksome 81.25; 3. Brentwood 67.5; 4. Havergal 65; 5. Clare-

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Nation's end-of-life law set to pass

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As Parliament and Canadians debate medical assistance in dying, one Niagara doctor says the country really needs to have a broader discussion about death itself.

We should be talking about a larger bill that includes medical assistance in dying, but (also) talks about palliative care and talks about advanced directives - when people want to direct how they're going to die, when they're going to die, talks about all the important aspects of care that's important leading up to dying," says Dr. Robert Fallis, who supports medically assisted death as an option.

*Power of attorney, both medical (and) also financial This needs to be encompassed within a much larger bill that allows people the rights of all this stuff throughout Canada in a much more comprehen-

sive way. The federal government bas acknowledged the need for meaningful change for Canada's palliative-care system, which is specialized medical care for people with terminal

Health Minister and former

30-year doctor Jane Philpott has cited evidence that only 15 per cent of Canadians have access to high-quality palliative care when they need it.

"Right now in this country we completely underfund palliative care," says Fallis, who has a history in emergency medicine and family practice in Niagara, but now focuses

on addiction medicine. "If palliative care had better access, better funding ... the whole discussion about the misery, the painful death, all of that stuff, would be significantly reduced, and the number of people required to have a medically assisted

death would be substantially Fallis says a lot of people don't know that palliative care exists, and what it can do to help people so "they can really die with dignity, without pain and without a lot of the medical complications that precede death

"If that's done well, then the whole idea of having to die, or having to have a medicalassisted death, is substantially reduced," he says.

"That's wby, if we do this as a larger package of allowing people to die in an appropriate way and have that conver-

more inclusive* The federal government's contentious bill on assisted dving sailed through the House of Commons last Tues-

It was approved by a vote of

Bill C-14 must now pass the Senate, where it faces choppier waters as senators are pushing for amendments. It is all but certain the bill will not be passed by Monday, the day the ban on assisted

dying is formally lifted. If no new federal law is on the books, many doctors may be reluctant to fulfil requests for hastened death, warns Philnott

Last year, the Supreme Court of Canada ruled that consenting adults have a right to seek medical help to end their lives if they have "grievous and irremediable" medical conditions that are causing enduring suffering that they deem intolerable.

It gave Ottawa until June 6 to change the law. People have been allowed to seek approval from a court

As of June 6 that requirement also expired. If no law was in place by then, the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario, the country's largest medical regulator, will post updated guidelines on its website, setting out doc-

tors' legal and professional obligations, as well as the criteria for assisted death as set out by the Supreme Court, says college spokeswoman Kathryn Clarke

Bill C-14 sets out considerably more restrictive criteria than the Supreme Court, allowing assisted dving only for clearly consenting adults in an advanced stage of irreversible decline" from a serious and incurable disease, illness or disability and for

whom natural death is "reasonably foreseeable." Although the high court decriminalized assisted death for Canadians with a "griev-ous and irremediable" medical condition, it didn't define "grievous and irremediable." And, unlike the Liberal bill,

did not limit it to a terminal illness Justice Minister Jody Wilson-Raybould says the bill strikes the right balance among competing interests, respecting an individual's personal autonomy while protecting the vulnerable and respecting life.

Allowing assisted death for those who are suffering but not near the end of life could have an impact on public suicide prevention campaigns, she adds.

If the Senate were to pass any amendments to the bill, it would have to be sent back to the Commons, which would have to decide whether to accept or reject the amend-

Theoretically, the bill could bounce back and forth between parliamentary chambers for weeks. Even without amendments. the bill won't be put to a vote

ments.

in the upper house by Mon-day's deadline. Conservative Senate leader Claude Carignan predicts the vote won't happen before the end of next week, at the earli-

Fallis, who is part of Segue Clinic, which has outpatient addiction treatment centres specializing in opioid addiction across Niagara and in Hamilton, says he supports the option of medical-assisted death "I may not represent the

vast majority of physicians.

but I think that it's comething important that we do, that people have a choice," he says. But I think there has to be safeguards in place, of course, for minors and for people that are particularly vulnerable." Fallis says "sometimes in medicine, you can't do what you want to do. There is no treatment for certain things - it's just nasty. It can be a rapid or slow, lingering death with complications that aren't well-treated medically." He says physicians see

that a lot with people liv-

ing with illnesses such

"The type of death that peo-

things where there's just no

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have good treatment for, I know, personally, I would like to have that choice. Fallis says, however, he has issues with the current Liberal bill "They made it much more restrictive than the Supreme Court had made it previously in their recommendations," he says. "At this point, they're trying to bring forward legislation that may or may not survive either the legislative process of creating it, or the challenges that are going to happen once they've mandated it.' Fallis says physicians have been preparing for this situation for a long time, so whether the legislation passes or not by June 6, "I don't think it really matters that much.

*The regulatory bodies in

every province and one of

the territories have already

issued guidelines to physi-

cians who may provide med-

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Supreme Court, and they're all fairly similar provincially." Niagara West Conservative MP Dean Allison recently met with community stakeholders who have an interest in Bill Calling it one of the most important pieces of legislation MPs will deal with in the House of Commons, Allison says it needs "much more" discussion and "stronger safe-

guards' to protect vulnerable as Lou Gehrig's disease. citizens Allison says he's opposed to ple look for medical-assisted Bill C-14. death are these kind of

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Nation's end-of-life law set to pass

"I just don't think there's enough safeguards that have been put in place. There's issues around conscience - faith institutions saying, 'we're concerned that if they ask us to perform, that we're going to need

to." he save "I'm concerned what happens down the road when they start looking at ... vulnerable groups, those with mental illness, mature teens ... where does this hill go from here? We know what happens over time - unintended consequences and that would he really one of

my major concerns." Ron Wiens, an administrator at United Mennonite Home in Vineland, was one of the participants in the meeting with Alli-

He says the physician who serves the faith-hased nursing home has indicated they will opt out of providing doctor-assisted death. "The doctor for our facility does not want to provide or take part in physician-assisted death," he says. "He's a Christian, and he is a doctor who will avail himself of the right home that has 128 residents, says

"As the administrator in a nursing home that was started by nine Mennonite churches, we are opposed to Bill C-14, hut also we would not want to be forced to provide that service here in our facility." Konnie Peet, chief executive officer of Shalom Manor in Grimshy, says she worries there's nothing in the legislation to protect "conscientious objectors." "It's not stated explicitly in the hill that there's respect ... for people's religious rights and conscien-

tious objections," she says, *From a Christian perspective ... we're asking that right for our staff and our volunteers and our organization as a whole be equally respected as this bill goes forward." The faith-based home was started by churches of the reformed Christian community. Its long-term care facility has 144 heds, while its small retirement home has 36 units, says Peet. 'It is really quite sad that we actually lack a holistic approach to death and dving ... which includes the support for palliative-care strategies," she says. My view, and I think the view

of a lot of people, is whatever side they land on with respect to physician-assisted dving. people do recognize that if we had a good, comprehensive approach to palliative care, we may have less demand for physician-assisted dying, Peet says people go to longterm care facilities to "end their days, and we feel that dying is part of living. "If you were to come to this home, and many long-term care homes in this area. every day there's a celehration of life, even as people know that they're coming closer to the end," she says. "As a religious home, we have a certain perspective with respect to the sanctity of life, so we're not supportive of the notion of ending life prematurely through physician-assisted death." Carol Nagy executive direc-

tor for Hospice Niagara.

says the agency is watch-

provide quality-of-life services and its been that way for years," she says. "It's really important that there is an understanding hetween physician and care providers and the patient that quality, end-of-life services are there to respect the person's autonomy and their wishes they're there to provide dignity in dying, but they're also there not to hasten or prolong death, and that's that trust aspect Nagy says Hospice Niagara will continue with the services that "provide excellent pain and symptom management. "Our services work to reduce suffering that people have, and part of that suffering comes sometimes (from) fear of death, and we work to reduce that, and work with the patient, as well as the family members," she says, "Our service will continue to not do anything that will hasten or prolong death. That's a mandate that we've had for years that's our philosophy of care." Nagy says Hospice Niagara doesn't know if it will have any legislative requirements that will challenge its position. "We recognize that a need for compassion is even so much

more necessary when someone is considering a request to hasten their death, and we will uphold our same principles of compassion, of dignity, of autonomy, in working through that underlying suffering," she says. "Then we will look at, based on any legislative requirements, how we can provide referral to the appropriate sources, of which I can't even begin to guess what that is going to look like. We just have no guidelines at this point in time." Sgt. Paul Spiridi, of the Niagara Regional Police's fraud unit, is also the service's main contact for elder abuse. He says there's not much the NRP can say about the issue until they see what the actual legislation is going to he. These are personal decisions that people make amongst themselves, so from a policing standpoint, we just want to make sure that all of the safeguards are in place so it's not another step towards abuse or the allegation of ahuse," says Spiridi. "While there may not he any abuse, it may be another thing that, because if it's not clear, it raises an issue for people to understand the motives hehind what happens with these private decisions."

Asked if he's concerned some family members might hasten the death of a loved one to get their hands on their inheritance, Spiridi says "anything's possihle, hut I don't think ... it's going to be a motivation to homicide "It takes a lot for a person to take that sten to take money he says. "We see a lot of theft hy power of attorney, or questionable things happening in finances heforehand. Is this a motivation? It's possible, but ... I don't think ... we're going to see a hig rush of people trying to use it." Spiridi says sometimes the personal decisions people make are hetween themselves and their physicians and they don't share information with their family "We see that happening now neonle don't share information shout their finances, so then when something like this does come up, and if the family, or not all of the family is involved, it raises the question, so we just want to make sure that if a decision like this is made that all of the checks and balances are in place, so that the families have neace of mind knowing that the decision was made willingly.

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